TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FOURTH COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION OF 1106.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Wednesday, the 13th Karkatakam 1106/29th July 1931.

The Council reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, at Eleven-thirty of the Clock the Deputy President presiding.

All the members except Mr. S. Krishna Pillai were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Pumping machines.

9. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware that, some years back, almost all the pumping machines were worked with firewood?

(2) Will they be pleased to state why these steam engines were replaced by motor engines?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) (*a*) Oil engines are cheaper and smaller than steam engines for the same power.

(*b*) The cost of fuel, taking into account the quantity consumed, is less.

(*c*) Oil is more easily procurable, transported and stored than firewood.

Opening of a District Hospital at Kottarakara.

10. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the necessity for a District Hospital at Kottarakara has been brought to their notice; and

(*b*) if so, the nature of the action taken therefor?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government do not consider it necessary to convert the present dispensary at Kottarakara into a hospital at present as there are two well-equipped hospitals at Quilon. The Administrative Board, Medical Services, reports that there is sufficient accommodation for emergent cases in the present dispensary building.

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